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CHARLES S. HUTCHESON.
BOYDTON, Dec. 26.—Charles S.
Hutcheson lifelong resident and
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County died at his home near
Boydton Saturday after a long illness. The deceased who was 77
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He is survived by two brothers, Sterling N. Hutcheson, of Baskerville and Conway G. Hutcheson, of Richmond; his wife, Mrs. Nellie Mason Hutcheson and the follow-Mason Hutcheson and the following children: Mrs. J. T. Buie, of Franklinville, N. C.; Joseph C. Hutcheson, of Stoney Point, N. C.; Allen F. Hutcheson, of Scranton, Pa.; Mrs. R Carter Harrison, of Eclipse; James P. Hutcheson, of Richmond; C. Cabell Hutcheson, Harold A. Hutcheson and S. Garland Hutcheson, of Boydton, also a land Hutcheson, of Boydton, also a number of grandchildren. Mr. Hutcheson was a member of the Meckienburg County Board of Supervisors for a number of years and served as chairman of the board for a considerable period. He retired from the body about thirty years ago and engaged in farming. The funeral services were held and interment made in the family cemetery near Baskerville yesterday.

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In 1891, he called on Mr. Hutter and said he owned "something" that Mr. Hutter should have and that Mr. Hutter owned "something" that he must have. He offered then to exchange this table (which brought \$1.325 more than 50 years later) for two tons of coal. The exchange was made and the table, still not in pristine condition, was returned to Poplar Forest where it was stored, for a long time in the attic. Some years later, it was brought out and polished up. Today it is a beautiful and rare piece of furniture.

One hundred years after it was acquired by the Poplar Forest owners in 1828, the plantation in 1928 was the scene of pageantry staged by Lynchburg organizations in observance of Virginia Day, Each organization had a scene from Virginia history to depict and the Colonial Dames elected to portray "Dolly Madison's tea party." In this scene, Miss Ella Henry Miller, great great granddaughter of Patrick Henry, poured tea at "Mr. Jefferson's table," one of the effective

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There is a pretty little story preserved in Mr. Hutter's handwriting about the table; "Mr. Jefferson's table," he states, "was exchanged for two tons of coal in 1891." Fred

was used each summer when the Hutters went out for the season.

Mr. Jefferson's "dumb waiter," which he used at Poplar Forest is now owned by Edwin Christian Hutter of Charlottesville, to whom it was conveyed by the late Malcolm Griffin in his will. Mr. Griffin, whose mother, both at Poplar Forest, was the former Nannie Hutter, wife of Major Samuel Griffin of Bedford, inherited it through her. Various other pieces of Jeffersonian origin are owned among the descendants of William Cobbs.

Mr. Hutter, who went to Bellevue to school after his parents' death, came to Lynchburg early in his life and in the late 1880's established the business which still bears his name and is conducted now by members of his family. But they kept Poplar Forest in the family until it was sold in 1946 to the present owner.

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